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Prohibition of Adi-Dravidas from eating the carcasses of cattle.

*77 Q. Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have prohibited the Adi-Dravidas from eating the carcasses of cattle?

A.—No.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the Government, on considerations of public health, do not think it advisable to order the prohibition of the depressed classes people eating the carcasses of cattle?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"It will be seen from the answer to the next question that local bodies are authorized to prevent flesh of carcasses being sold to people. The village officers also have been similarly authorized."

Burial of the carcasses of cattle.

*78 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what steps the Government have taken to get the carcasses of cattle which die of diseases examined before they are passed for consumption;

(b) whether the Veterinary Department have any orders to see to the burial of cattle that die of objectionable diseases; and

(c) whether any District Collectors have ordered the burial of dead cattle instead of their being delivered for consumption, and if so, in what districts?

A.—(a) Under the Madras Local Boards and the Madras District Municipalities Acts, local bodies have power to frame by-laws regarding animal control and dangerous diseases of animals. The Government have framed model by-laws on the subjects for adoption by local bodies. The model by-laws provide that no dead or dying animal shall be admitted into a slaughter-house and any such animal brought to the slaughter-house shall be seized and destroyed in such manner as the President or Chairman may direct.

(b) No. Under the instructions contained in the Village Officers' Manual, the village headman should arrange for the burning or burial of carcasses of animals which die of infectious diseases, when found on a road or other public place. According to the model by-laws framed by the Government, carcasses of animals dying of contagious diseases in private premises should be handed over to local fund or municipal staff who will arrange to bury them.

(c) Government have no information.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know if the Collector of Tinnevelly has passed an order prohibiting the eating of carcasses?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."